

I would like to express my strenuous opposition to the proposed relaxation of FCC regulations governing media ownership. It is crucial to limit the amount of media sources one company or its subsidiaries can own in an area to ensure that the public can get its news from more than one source and to protect the small businessman from being consumed by multinational corporate media conglomerates.

The number of TV and radio station owners has steadily been decreasing since the 70's and plummeted when the 1996 telecommunications act was passed. Of course it's cheaper and easier for 5 or 6 huge media sources to run the nations news but it is a far cry from fair and equitable or just. It is unfair to the public and to small businessman to further relax these laws. Please do not make it easier for corporate media to monopolize the airwaves.

It is a sad comment on today's corporate media that the poll by The Project for Excellence in Journalism found 72% of all people polled knew ABSOLUTELY NOTHING about this proposed legislation. We must strive to have better coverage for all news and this cannot happen with the proposed consolidation.

Thank you.

I would also like to say it was difficult to find out how to even express my opposition. I was only able to thanks to Bill Moyers.